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Request for map production

REFERENCE: Memo to AD/ORE, from the AD/OPC, dated 14 August 1950

1. Your request for the construction of base maps at the scale of 1:1,000,000 for certain areas in the U.S.S.R. has been given careful study.

25X1A9a [REDACTED] 2. Original specifications for such base maps, submitted by [REDACTED] included topographic and hydrographic detail equivalent to official topographic maps at this scale. The map compilation and construction time required for meeting this request would be far in excess of the deadline indicated in the reference memorandum.

25X1A9a 3. It is now understood that [REDACTED] in meeting current requirements, will utilize the sheets of the topographic International Millionth Map of the World which have been reproduced by the Army Map Service and will prepare the results of his analyses on overlays to these sheets.

4. Some of the sheets of the Millionth Map are inaccurate, particularly in respect to hydrography, and are difficult to read. Sheets of the Soviet map at the scale of 1:1,500,000 are much more accurate but only cover the U.S.S.R. west of the Urals. The Germans copied these Russian sheets and transliterated all names into German. The reproduction material for the German copies is available at the AMS.

5. It is recommended that consideration be given to the advisability of obtaining copies of this reproduction material from the AMS so that the GPO Service Office could be instructed to print the required number of copies of each sheet. The resultant map sheets would have names in German unless new name-plates were constructed with considerable time and effort. The plates showing terrain elevation could be omitted if desired.

6. It is suggested that discussions regarding this recommendation be carried on directly with appropriate officers of the Map Division.

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